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individually and on behalf of all other similarly
situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

GOOGLE LLC,

Defendant.

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**DECLARATION OF WILLIAM BYATT
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS'
UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR FINAL
APPROVAL OF CLASS SETTLEMENT**

Judge: Hon. Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers

Date: July 30, 2024

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Courtroom 1 – 4th Floor

DECLARATION OF WILLIAM BYATT

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, William Byatt, hereby declare as follows:

1. My name is William Byatt. I am over eighteen years of age and am competent to testify to and have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein.

2. I am one of the class representatives identified in the Court's class certification order in this lawsuit against Google, LLC. ("Google").

3. I provided a declaration in support of Plaintiffs' motion for class certification, and I am now providing this declaration in support of the settlement achieved in this case.

4. I understand that the Court certified two nationwide classes for injunctive relief under Rule 23(b)(2):

Class 1 – All Chrome browser users with a Google account who accessed a non-Google website containing Google tracking or advertising code using a browser and who were (a) in "Incognito mode" on that browser and (b) were not logged into their Google account on that browser, but whose communications, including identifying information and online browsing history, Google nevertheless intercepted, received, or collected from June 1, 2016 through the present.

Class 2 – All Safari, Edge, and Internet Explorer users with a Google account who accessed a non-Google website containing Google tracking or advertising code using any such browser and who were (a) in "private browsing mode" on that browser, and (b) were not logged into their Google account on that browser, but whose communications, including identifying information and online browsing history, Google nevertheless intercepted, received, or collected from June 1, 2016 through the present.

5. As a named plaintiff and class representative in this action, I understood that I have a duty to protect the interests of the classes, and I have at all times sought to act consistent with that duty and for the benefit of the classes.

6. I am not aware of anything that has in any way limited my ability to adequately represent the interests of the classes and members of the classes or any interests that conflict in any way with the interests of the classes and members of the classes. I have not been promised any compensation for bringing this case or serving as a class representative.

7. Based on my use of Chrome Incognito mode to visit non-Google websites during the class period, I understand that I am a representative of Class 1. I was not logged into my

1 Google account when I visited those non-Google websites in Incognito mode. I understand that
2 Google collected, stored, and used my private browsing activity at that time, and it is my
3 understanding and belief that Google did that without consent.

4 8. I have been and continue to be willing to do what is necessary to protect the
5 interests of the members of the classes. I have retained lawyers who have experience in class
6 action litigation. I have discussed this case with my lawyers on numerous occasions, and
7 reviewed pleadings before they were filed.

8 9. I provided deposition testimony for this case on December 20, 2021, and have
9 responded to numerous written discovery requests from Google, including 17 interrogatories, 34
10 requests for production, and 55 requests for admission.

11 10. My personal devices were also imaged so that account information, settings, and
12 other data could be retrieved. I also allowed Google to pull information from my account that is
13 sensitive and confidential to me, like my Google subscriber information. I also helped gather
14 information from my device (with the help of my lawyers and experts) to submit to Google to
15 help understand how Google's tracking works.

16 11. My participation in this case was difficult, including because the discovery efforts
17 described above exposed parts of my life that I would have liked to keep private. However, I
18 accepted that tradeoff for the privilege of representing these classes and seeking relief that holds
19 Google accountable, and I am honored to have helped secure the relief provided by the
20 Settlement.

21 12. I am familiar with the claims that have been asserted in the case and have
22 remained apprised of the strategy employed in this litigation. I have remained committed to
23 staying up to date on additional developments in this case by continuing to confer with my
24 attorneys on a regular basis, including motions practice that occurred after the Court certified the
25 classes. This included periodically meeting with my attorneys to discuss strategy for summary
26 judgment and trial, as well as the mediation sessions that occurred in this case after the Court
27 denied Google's motion for summary judgment. My attorneys discussed with me the strategies,
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1 progress, and results of these motions and mediation sessions.

2 13. I have reviewed the Settlement Agreement in this case. It reflects the substance
3 of what my attorneys discussed with me during the communications over the months that the
4 mediation sessions occurred, as well as the results of the mediation. The Settlement Agreement
5 achieves the robust changes that I wanted to achieve through this litigation. This includes
6 meaningful changes to Google's disclosures and practices that I believe will have real benefits
7 for all members of the classes certified by the Court. I also understand that the Settlement
8 Agreement ensures that class members remain free to bring cases to separately seek monetary
9 relief.

10 14. As part of the Settlement Agreement, I have agreed to submit my individual
11 claims for monetary relief to be resolved through confidential and binding arbitration. These
12 amounts will be determined by the office of Judge Layn Phillips.

13 15. I am aware that there are attorneys' fees and costs involved in representing
14 classes, and I have arranged with my attorneys that they will seek recovery of those attorneys'
15 fees and costs from Google. I understand that Google may contest the reasonableness of the
16 amounts that are requested but that Google has agreed to pay the amounts awarded by the Court,
17 and that the parties to this litigation have waived their right to appeal this Court's decision on
18 the amounts awarded.

19 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

20 Executed on April 1, 2024.

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